
The Minnesota Judicial Branch

By the Numbers

The Judicial Branch Mission

To provide justice through a system that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies.

Judicial Branch FY2013 Budget

\$235,170,000 - District Courts
\$30,608,500 - Supreme Court/State Court Administration/State Law Library
\$10,166,500 - Court of Appeals
\$275,945,000 - Total

Judicial Branch Staff and Judges

Approximately 2,500 permanent employees
315 - Number of authorized judgeships
Supreme Court- 7
Court of Appeals- 19
District (Trial) Courts- 289

Judicial Districts: 10

Number of Judicial Branch hearing facilities: 101

Oldest Courthouse: Washington County Courthouse, 101 West Pine Street, Stillwater, 1869

Number of Courthouses on the National Register of Historic Places: 62

District Courts

289 Judgeships, 10 Judicial Districts

Jurisdiction: Civil Actions, Criminal Cases, Family, Juvenile, Probate, Violations of City Ordinances

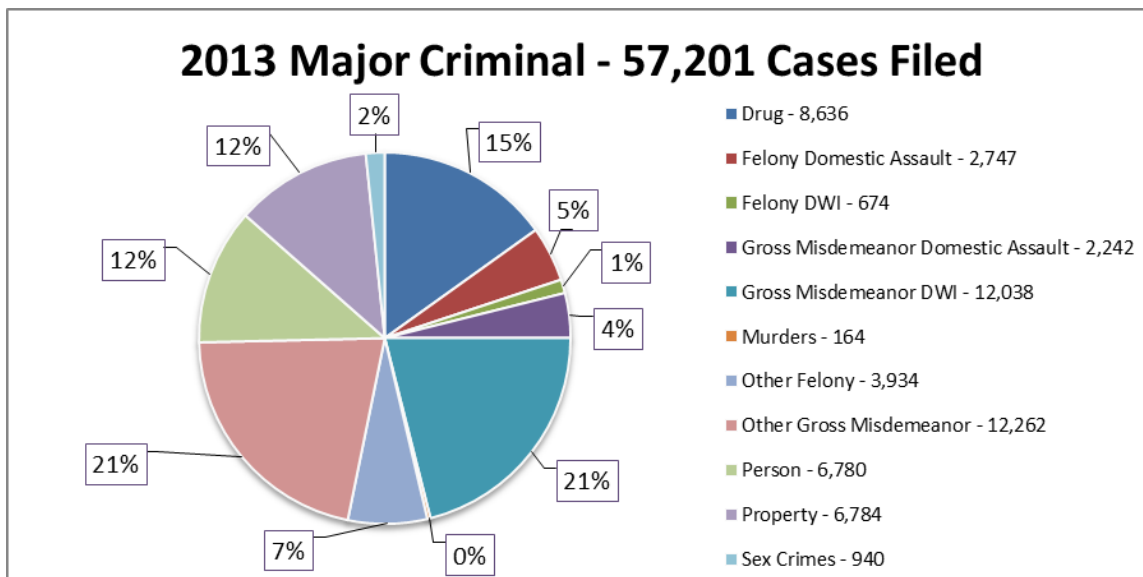
Appeals from: Conciliation Court*

Conciliation Division: Civil Disputes up to \$10,000

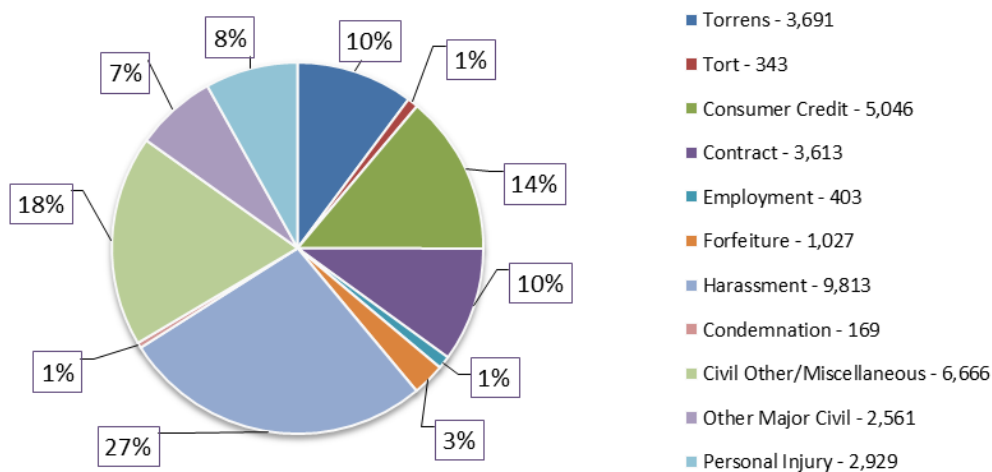
*Called trial de novo - actually a new trial, not just a review of the conciliation court

The district courts handled over 1.4 million cases that entered the judicial system in Minnesota in 2013. For administrative purposes, the district courts are organized into 10 judicial districts with a total of 101 hearing facilities across the state.

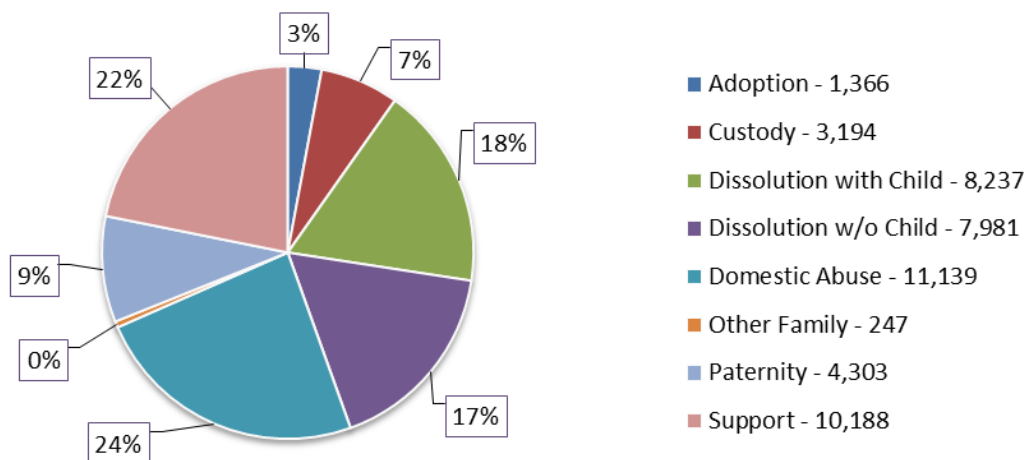
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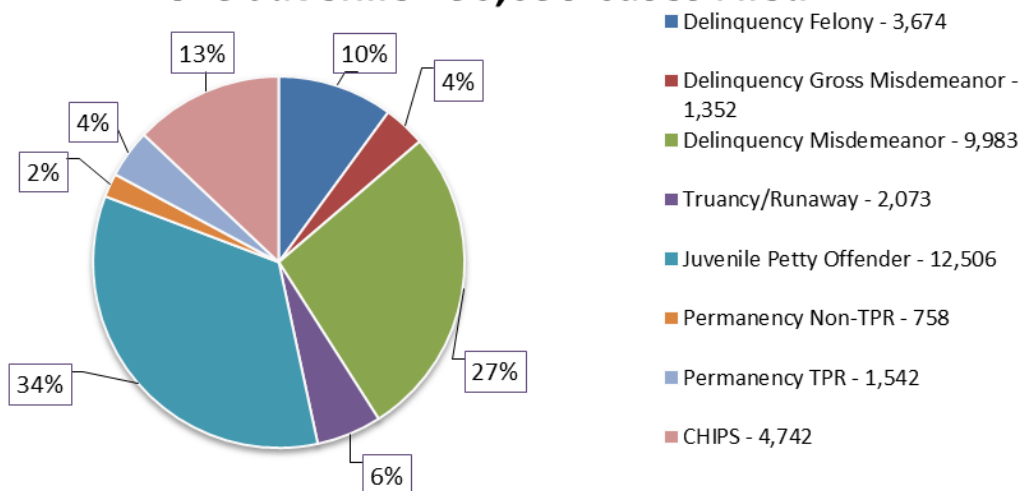
2013 Major Civil - 36,261 Cases Filed



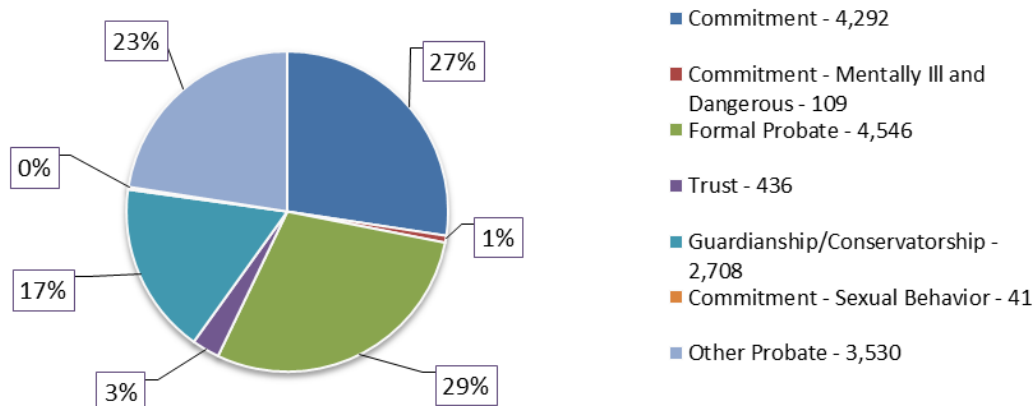
2013 Family - 46,655 Cases Filed



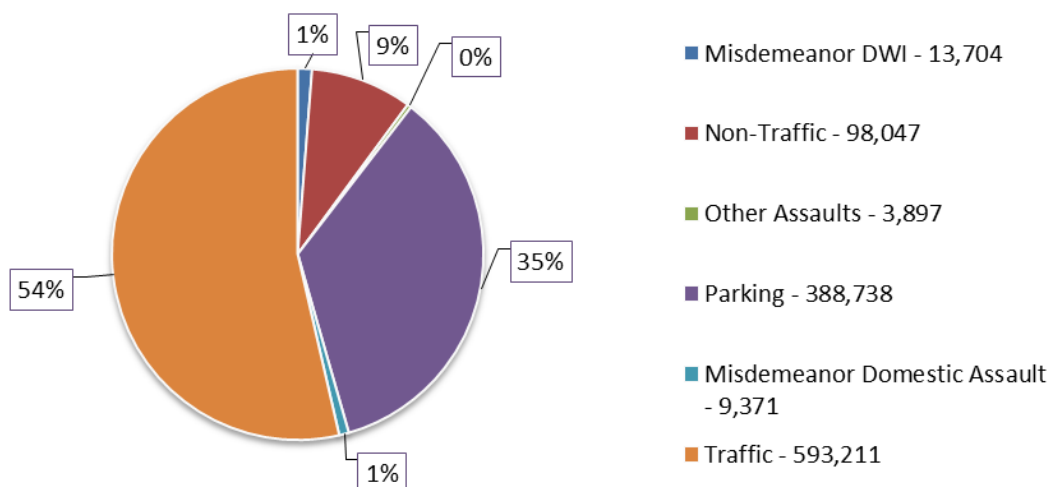
2013 Juvenile - 36,630 Cases Filed



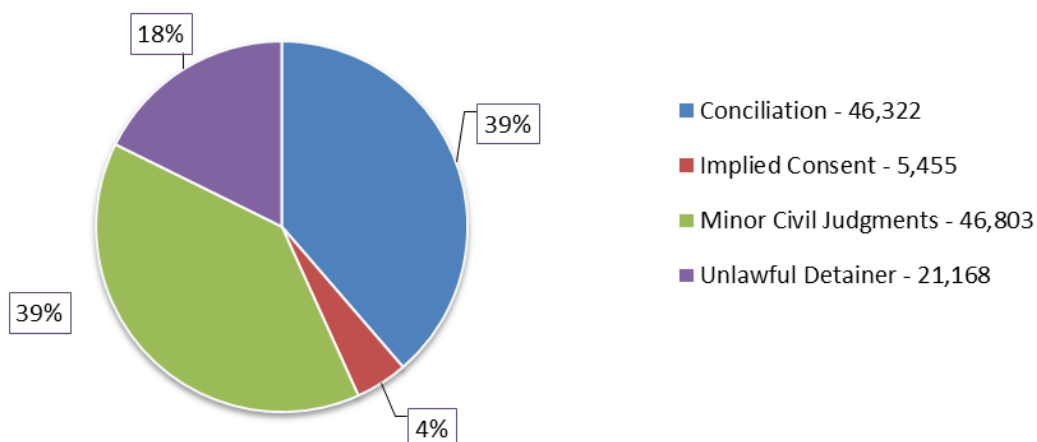
2013 Probate/Mental Health - 15,662 Cases Filed



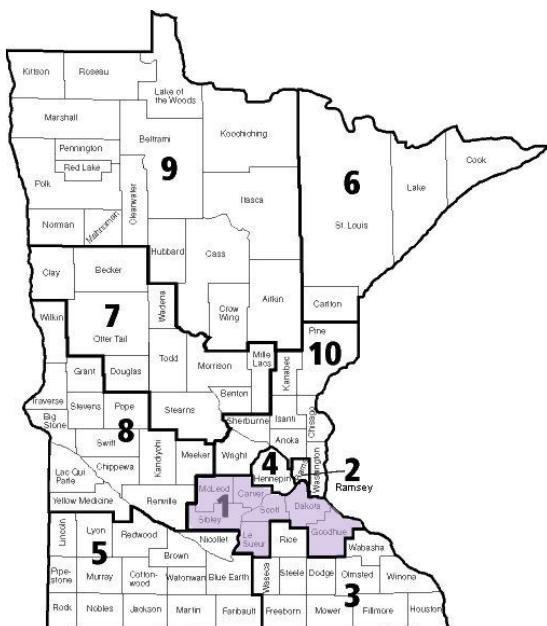
2013 Minor Criminal - 1,106,968 Cases Filed



2013 Minor Civil - 119,748 Cases Filed



First Judicial District



7 Counties: Carver, Dakota, Goodhue,
Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, Sibley

36 Judgeships

Hon. Terrence E. Conkel, Chief Judge

Hon. Kathryn D. Messerich,
Assistant Chief Judge

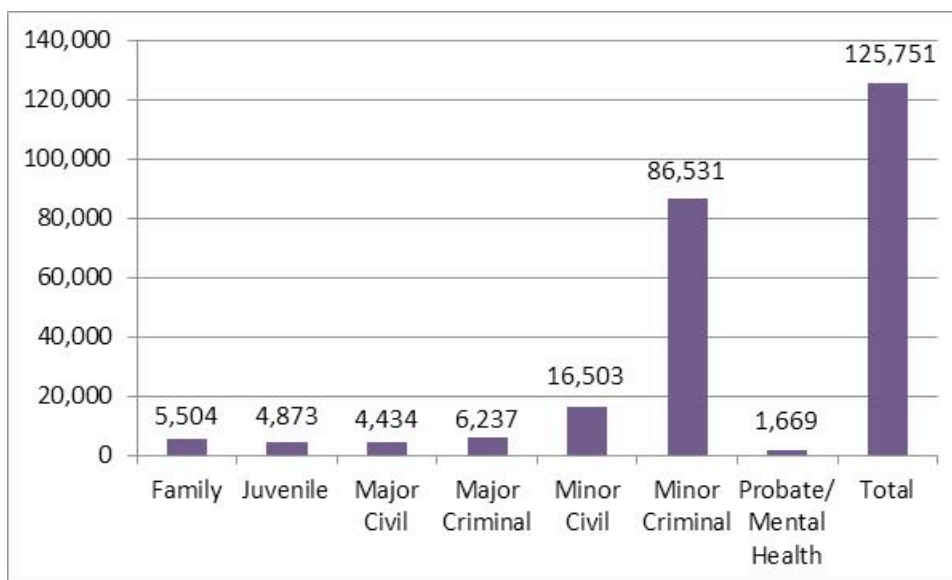
Gerald Winter, District Administrator

First Judicial District Administration

Dakota County Judicial Center

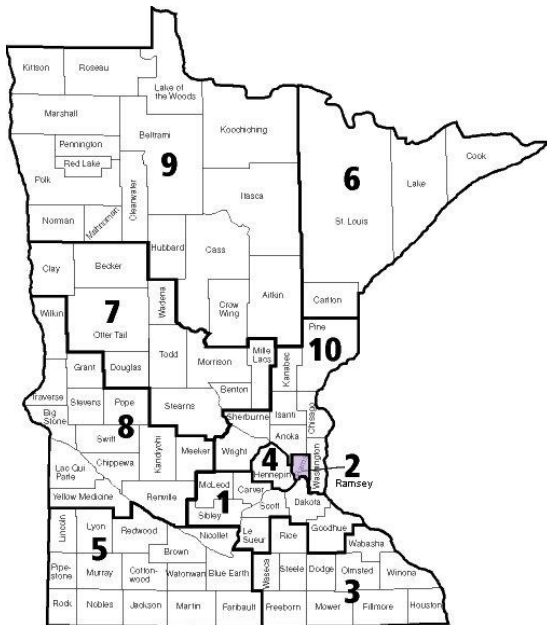
1560 Highway 55
Hastings, MN 55033

2013 Case Filings for the First Judicial District*



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Second Judicial District



1 County: Ramsey

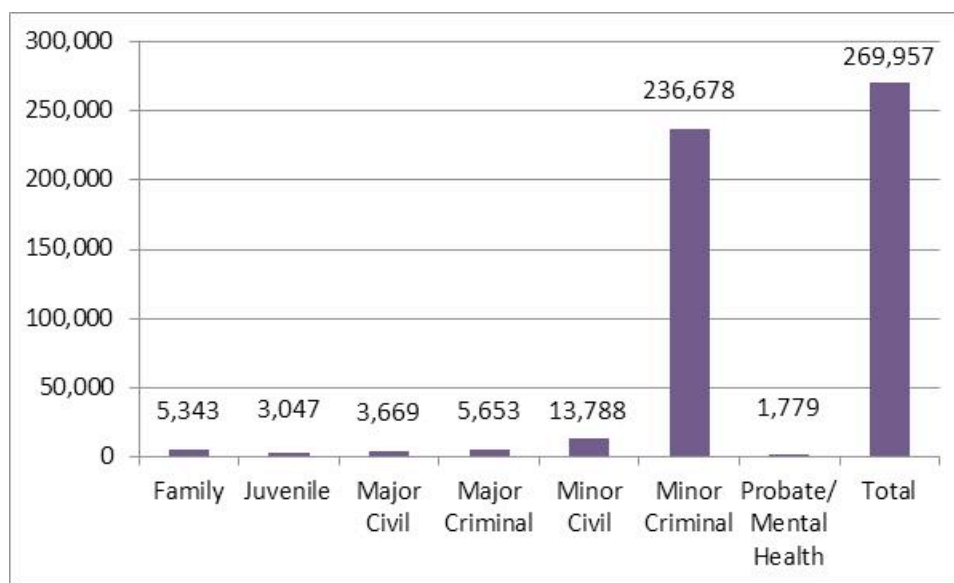
29 Judgeships

Hon. Teresa R. Warner, Chief Judge
Hon. George T. Stephenson,
Assistant Chief Judge

Larry Dease, District Administrator

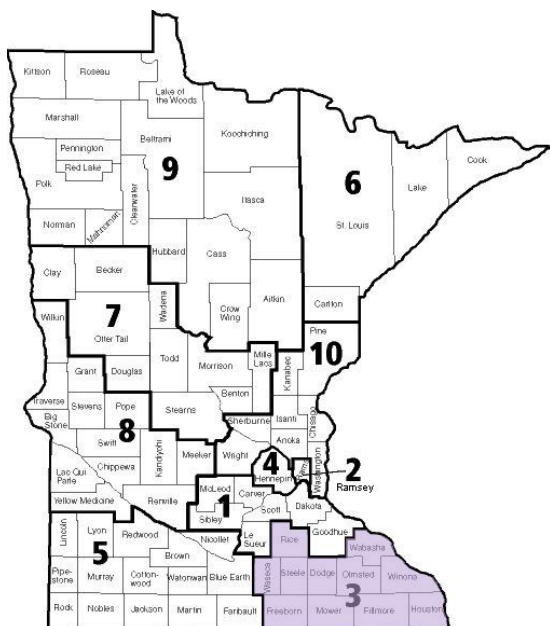
Second Judicial District Administration
1700 Ramsey County Courthouse
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

2013 Case Filings for the Second Judicial District*



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Third Judicial District



11 Counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Winona

23 Judgeships

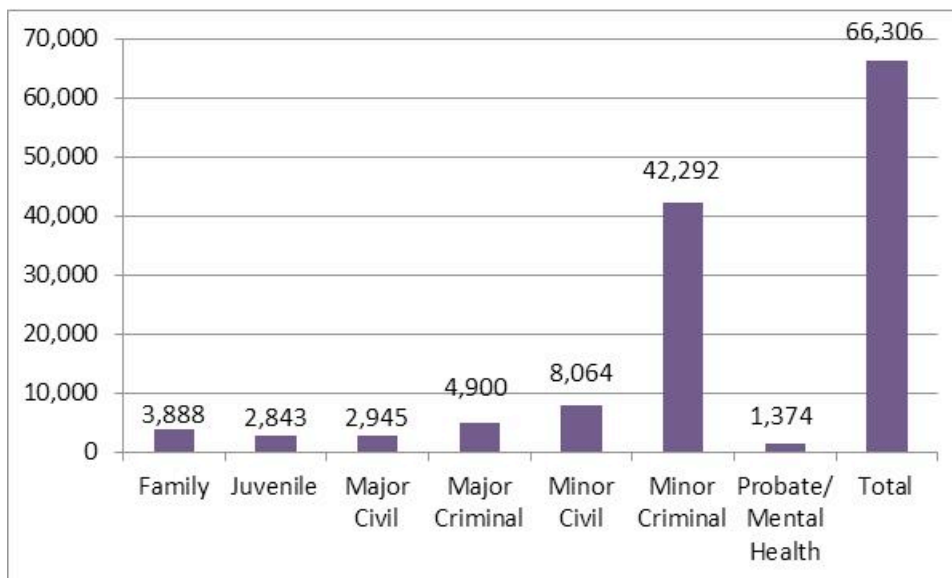
Hon. Jeffrey D. Thompson, Chief Judge

Hon. Robert Birnbaum,
Assistant Chief Judge

Shelley Ellefson, District Administrator

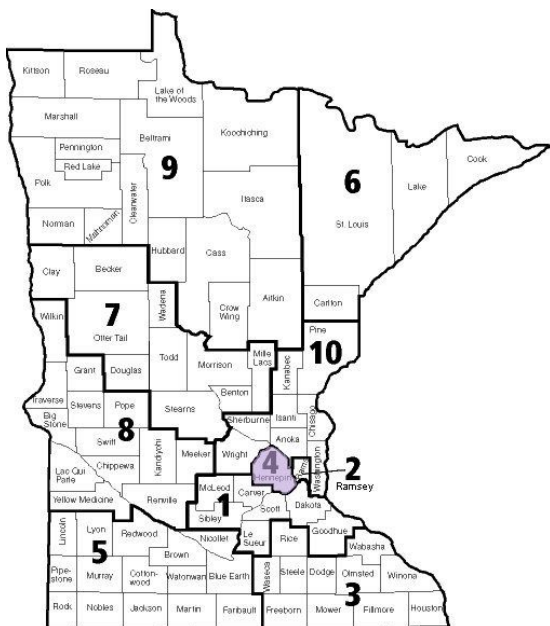
Third Judicial District Administration
1696 Greenview Drive SW
Rochester, MN 55902

2013 Case Filings for the Third Judicial District*



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Fourth Judicial District



1 County: Hennepin

62 Judgeships

Hon. Peter A. Cahill, Chief Judge

Hon. Ivy S. Bernhardson, Assistant Chief Judge

Mark S. Thompson, District Administrator

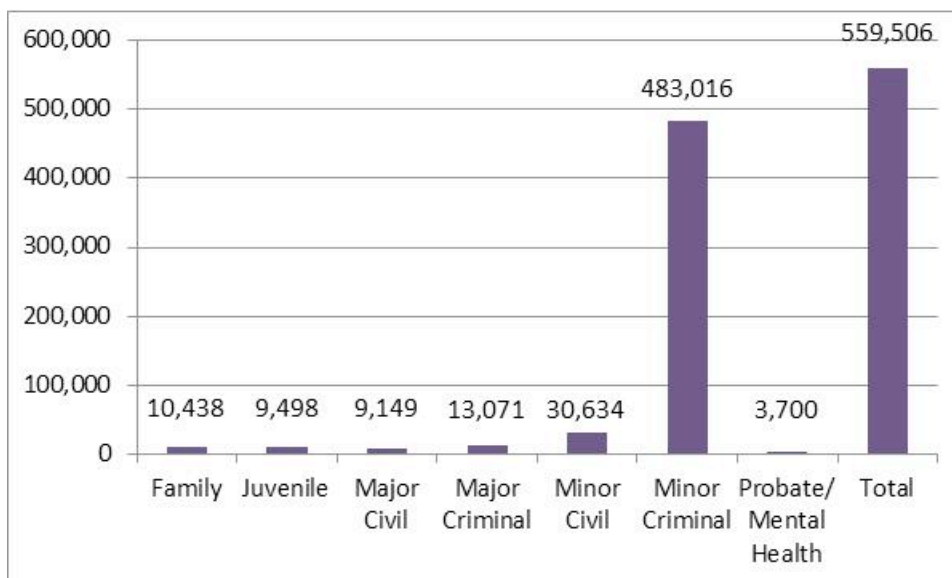
Fourth Judicial District Administration

12-C Government Center

300 South Sixth Street

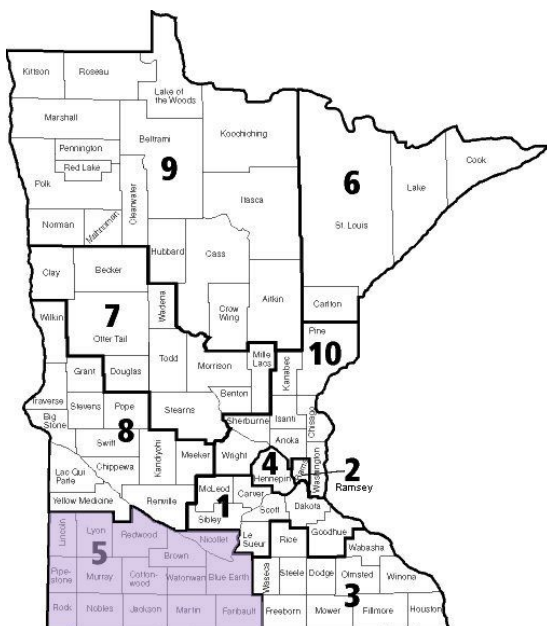
Minneapolis, MN 55487

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Fifth Judicial District



15 Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, Watonwan

16 Judgeships

Hon. Bradley C. Walker, Chief Judge

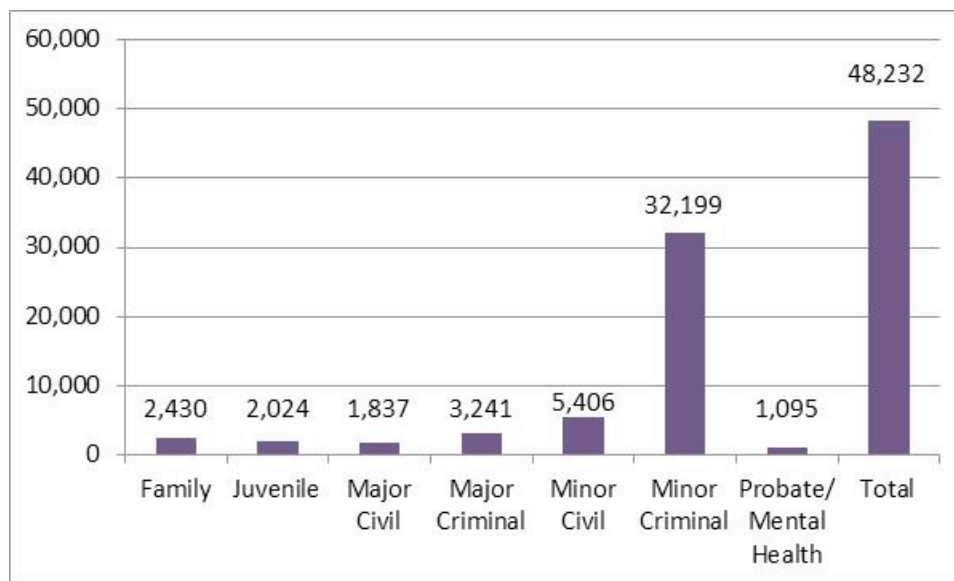
Hon. Michelle A. Dietrich,
Assistant Chief Judge

Richard Fasnacht, District Administrator

Fifth Judicial District Administration

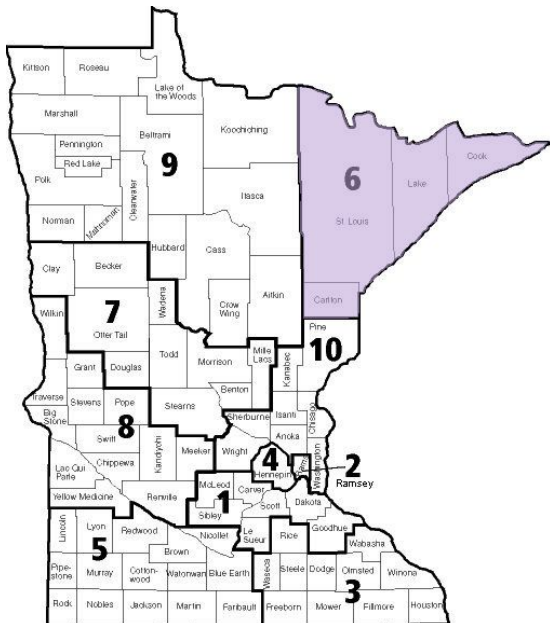
11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 205
Mankato, MN 56001

2012 Case Filings for the Fifth Judicial District*



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Sixth Judicial District



4 Counties: Carlton, Cook, Lake, St. Louis

16 Judgeships

Hon. Shaun R. Floerke, Chief Judge

Hon. Gary J. Pagliaccetti,
Assistant Chief Judge

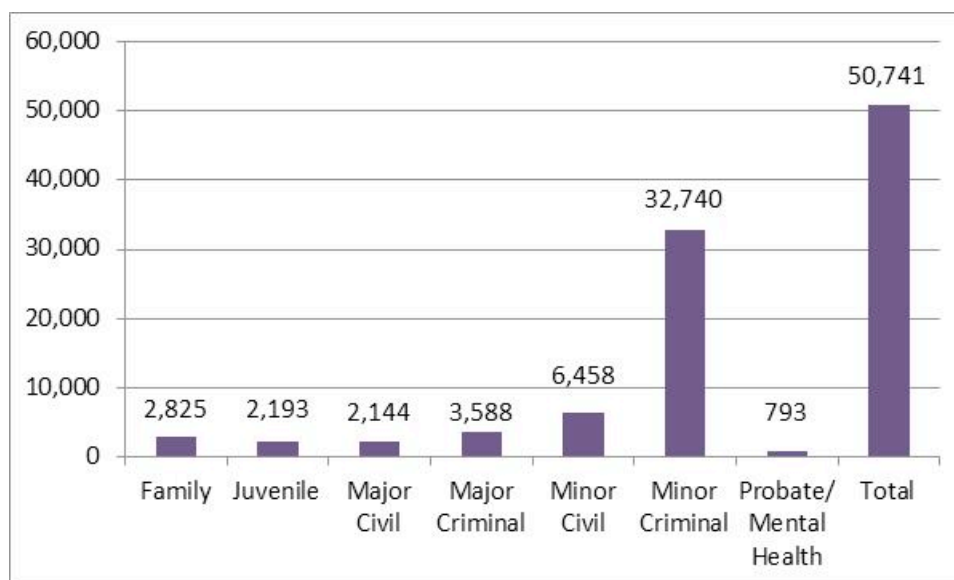
Marieta Johnson, Acting District Administrator

Sixth Judicial District Administration

St. Louis County Courthouse

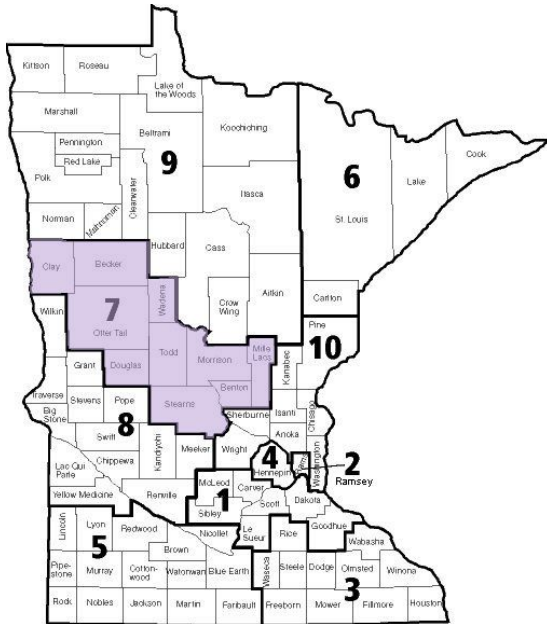
100 North Fifth Avenue West, #139
Duluth, MN 55802

2013 Case Filings for the Sixth Judicial District*



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Seventh Judicial District



10 Counties: Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Wadena

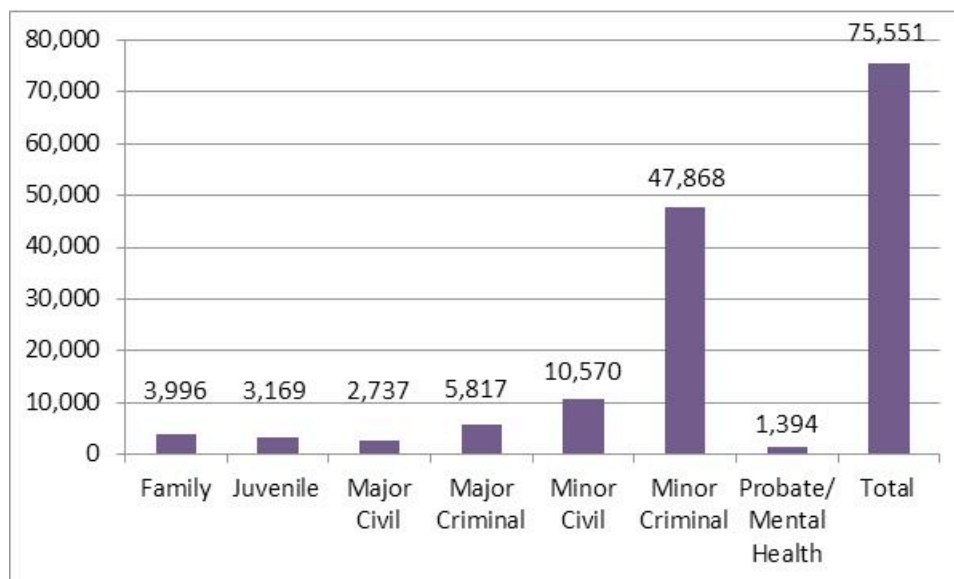
28 Judgeships

Hon. John H. Scherer, Chief Judge
Hon. Ann L. Carrott, Assistant Chief Judge

Timothy Ostby, District Administrator

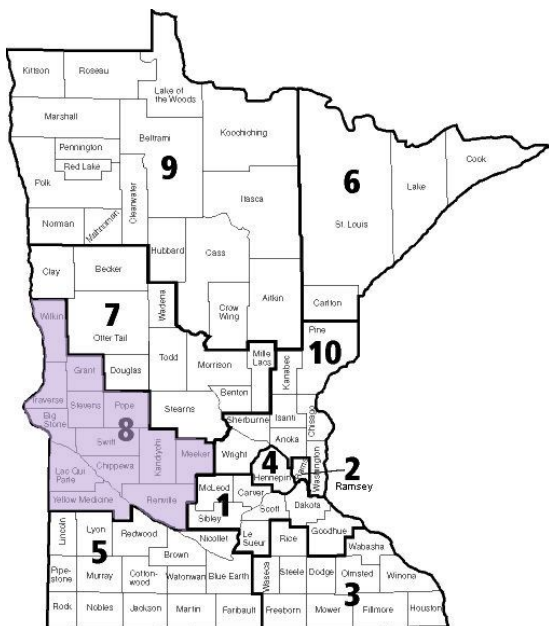
Seventh Judicial District Administration
Stearns County Courthouse
725 Courthouse Square #406
Saint Cloud, MN 56303

2013 Case Filings for the Seventh Judicial District*



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Eighth Judicial District



13 Counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Meeker, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine

11 Judgeships

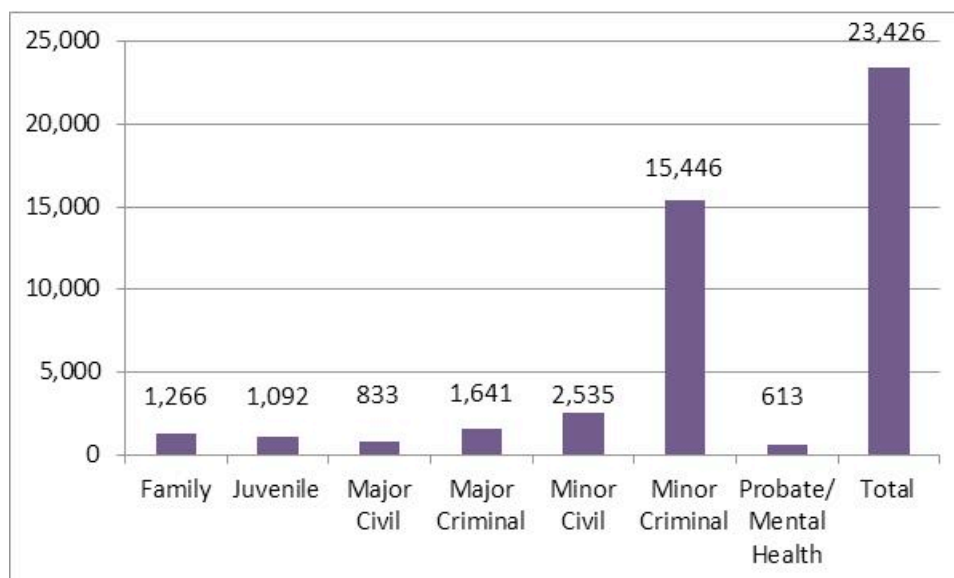
Hon. Donald M. Spilseth, Chief Judge

Hon. Michael J. Thompson,
Assistant Chief Judge

Timothy Ostby, District Administrator

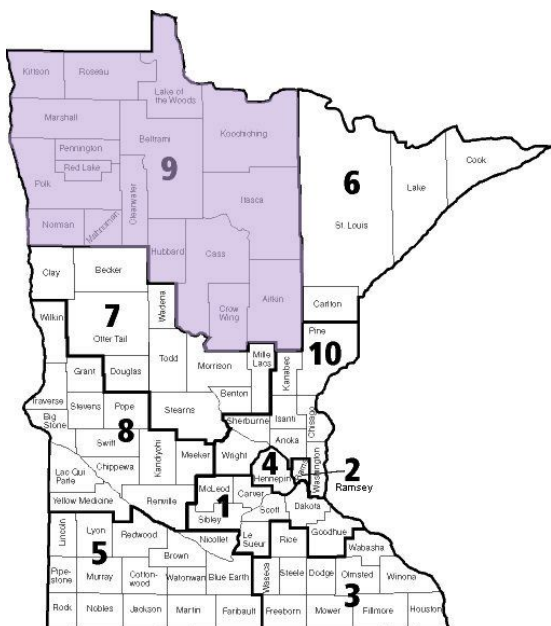
Eighth Judicial District Administration
Kandiyohi County Courthouse
505 Becker Avenue SW, Suite 107
Willmar, MN 56201

2013 Case Filings for the Eighth Judicial District*



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Ninth Judicial District



17 Counties: Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

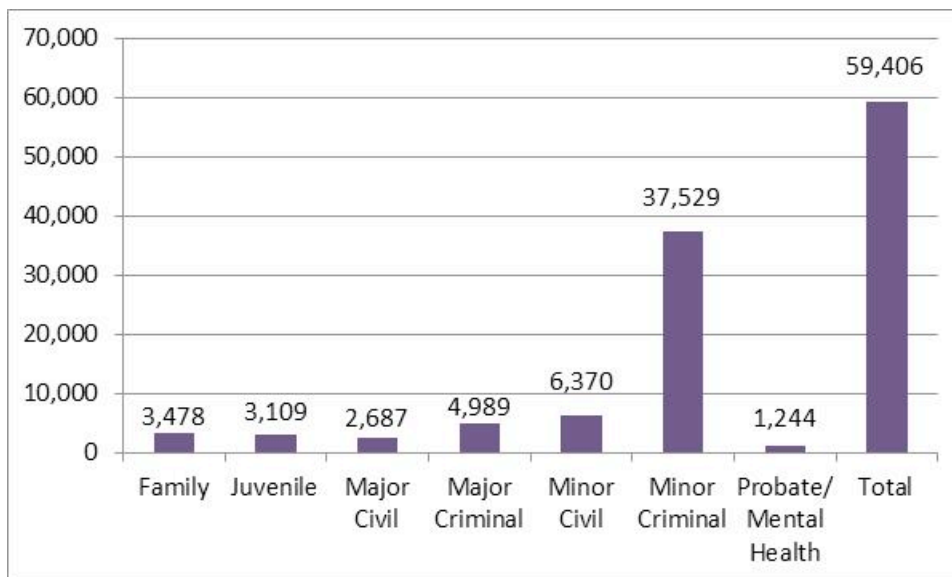
23 Judgeships

Hon. Kurt J. Marben, Chief Judge
Hon. Paul T. Benshoof, Assistant Chief Judge

Paul Maatz, District Administrator

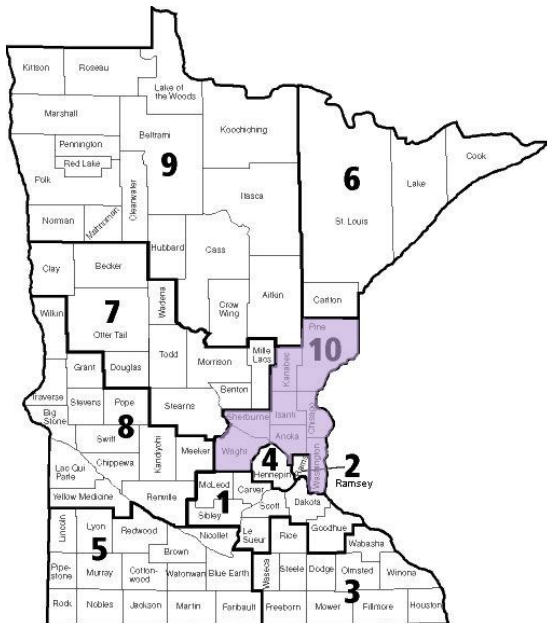
Ninth Judicial District Administration
Community Services Building
616 America Avenue NW #250
Bemidji, MN 56601

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Tenth Judicial District



8 Counties: Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, Wright

45 Judgeships

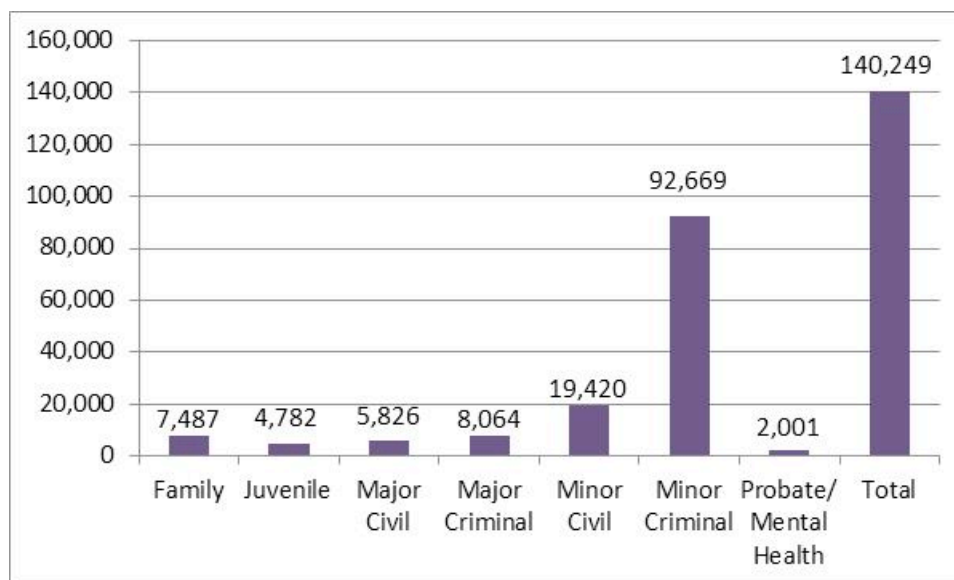
Hon. John C. Hoffman, Chief Judge

Hon. Douglas B. Meslow,
Assistant Chief Judge

Michael Moriarity, District Administrator

Tenth Judicial District Administration
7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Suite 306
Ramsey, MN 55303

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Court of Appeals

19 Members, Three-Judge Panels

Chief Judge Edward Cleary December 2011 - October 2013, Chief Judge: Nov. 2013 - present
Judge Thomas Kalitowski 1987 - present
Judge Randolph Peterson 1990 - present
Judge Jill Flaskamp Hallbrooks 1998 - present
Judge Terri Stoneburner 2000 - present
Judge Natalie Hudson 2002 - present
Judge Renee Worke 2005 - present
Judge Kevin Ross 2006 - present
Judge Heidi Schellhas 2008 - present
Judge Francis Connolly 2008 - present
Judge Matthew Johnson Judge: 2008 - Nov. 2010, Nov. 2013 - present Chief Judge: Nov. 2010 - Oct. 2013
Judge Michelle Larkin 2008 - present
Judge Larry Stauber, Jr. 2008 - present
Judge Louise Bjorkman 2008 - present
Judge John Rodenberg February 2012 - present
Judge Margaret Chutich February 2012 - present
Judge Carol Hooten June 2012 - present
Judge Michael Kirk August 2012 - present
Judge John P. Smith Jan. 2013 - present

Appeals from:

District court decisions (except first-degree murder convictions), administrative agency decisions (except Tax Court & Workers' Compensation Court), decisions of local governments

Original Actions:

Writs of mandamus or prohibition, which order a trial judge or public official to perform a certain act or not perform

2013 Court of Appeals Case Information		
	Cases Filed	Dispositions
General Civil	496	511
Criminal	854	814
Administrative Rule	4	4
Economic Security	241	262
Writs – Certiori	62	63
Habeas / Certified Questions	23	21
Commitment	63	53
Family	212	230
Juvenile Delinquency	19	26
Juvenile Protection	70	71
Implied Consent	119	39
Discretionary Review / Writs	93	91
Probate	21	23
Unlawful Detainer / Eviction	41	43
Total	2,318	2,251

Supreme Court



7 members, En Banc panel

Appeals from:

Court of Appeals decisions
 Trial court decisions if Supreme Court chooses to bypass the Court of Appeals
 Tax Court decisions, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals decisions
 Review of all first-degree murder convictions

Original Actions:

Writs of Prohibition, Writs of Habeas Corpus, Writs of Mandamus
 Election disputes; attorney and judicial discipline

Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea Associate Justice: 2006 - June 2010, Chief Justice: July 2010 - present
Associate Justice Alan C. Page 1993 - present
Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson 2004 - present
Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen 2008 - present
Associate Justice David R. Stras 2010 - present
Associate Justice Wilhelmina M. Wright 2012 - present
Associate Justice David L. Lillehaug June 2013 - present
Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson 1994 - May 2013

2013 Supreme Court Case Information		
Direct Appeals		
	Cases Filed	Dispositions
Workers' Compensation	15	20
Civil	6	4
Tax Court	6	16
Attorney/Judge Discipline	54	66
Writs	0	1
First Degree Homicide	26	35
Total Direct Appeals	107	142
Petitions for Further Review (PFR)		
Filed		671
Denied		611
Granted Further Review		76
Other		14
Dispositions		
Affirmed		34
Mixed		3
Remand / Reverse		23
Other Decision / Dismissal		17
Total		77